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TITLE OF INVENTION: RIGID CARTON OF PACKETS OF CIGARETTES

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**PATENT**

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Re application of: Antonella GIANNINI

Serial No.: 10/518,806

Group No.: 3728

Filed: June 23, 2005

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1. Applicant hereby pays the issue fee for the attached Issue Fee Transmittal PTOL-85.

*NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(g): "(1) New determination of entitlement to small entity status is needed when issue and maintenance fees are due. Once status as a small entity has been established in an application or patent, fees as a small entity may thereafter be paid in that application or patent without regard to a change in status until the issue fee is due or any maintenance fee is due.*

*(2) Notification of loss of entitlement to small entity status is required when issue and maintenance fees are due. Notification of a loss of entitlement to small entity status must be filed in the application or patent prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity as defined in paragraph (a) of this section is no longer appropriate. The notification that small entity status is no longer appropriate must be signed by a party identified in § 1.33(b). Payment of a fee in other than the small entity amount is not sufficient notification that small entity status is no longer appropriate."*

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2. Applicant

A. Asserted small entity status in this application by

- ☐ payment of the basic filing or national fee as a small entity (37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c)(3)) or
- ☐ prior submission of a Written Assertion or Statement of Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c)(1))

It is confirmed that small entity status for this application has been checked, is still in effect and is being asserted.

- ☐ A WRITTEN ASSERTION OR STATEMENT OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS signed by an appropriate party as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.27 is attached.

**WARNING:** "Payment of a fee in other than the small entity amount is not sufficient notification that small entity status is no longer appropriate." 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(g)(2).

(complete the following, as applicable)

B. ☐ Applicant hereby notifies the Office, in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(g)(2), that it no longer has status as a small entity.

☐ A "NOTIFICATION OF LOSS OF STATUS AS SMALL ENTITY" signed by an appropriate party is attached.

☐ Applicant has not asserted small entity status.

3. Fee (37 C.F.R. 1.18(a) and (b)):

Application status is:

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Design</u>
small business entity—fee	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 720.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$410.00
other than a small entity—fee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$1,440.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$820.00
Publication Fee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ 300.00	

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